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In re application of

Alain LECOMPTE Conf. 2996

Application No. 10/554,282 Group 1638

Filed October 25, 2005 Examiner M. Ibrahim

METHOD FOR OBTAINING RECOMBINANT PLANTS  
OF THE CICHORIUM GENUS AND PLANTS THUS  
OBTAINED

**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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April 23, 2009

Sir:

This is a response the Official Action mailed December 23, 2008, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.